

To: HOUSING & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: Anti-Social Problems, Dimsdale Area of Wishaw
From: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING & PROPERTY SERVICES		
Date: 15 October 2001	Ref: AG/RB/TC	

1. Introduction

1.1 A Petition has been received from residents in the Wishaw Area complaining of problems with youths and requesting the installation of CCTV.

2. Background

2.1 The problems relate to youths gathering around the lane area leading from Dimsdale Rd to Dimsdale Crescent (Appendix 1). They are generally very loud and abusive, alleged to be drinking, and offensive and intimidating to residents who challenge them. There have been reports of vandalism which residents believe are retaliation against those who have asked them to move or are believed to have made reference to the police.

No formal identification of those involved has been given but the Area Office has investigated a number of complaints and there are a number of youths from the area as well as a number from outwith. Several parents have been approached concerning the behaviour of their children.

3. CCTV

3.1 The Residents have requested the installation of CCTV and some thought has been given to this. However, an analysis of local crime statistics and the experience of the local housing office suggest that there are other localities in the Wishaw area with a more pressing need for the service to deter and monitor criminal and anti-social activities.

3.2 The system in Wishaw is operating effectively at full capacity at this time and any additions would necessitate significant capital and revenue expenditure.

4. Recommendations

4.1 The Area Office will continue to co-ordinate with police and monitor the position.

4.2 That members note the contents of this report.

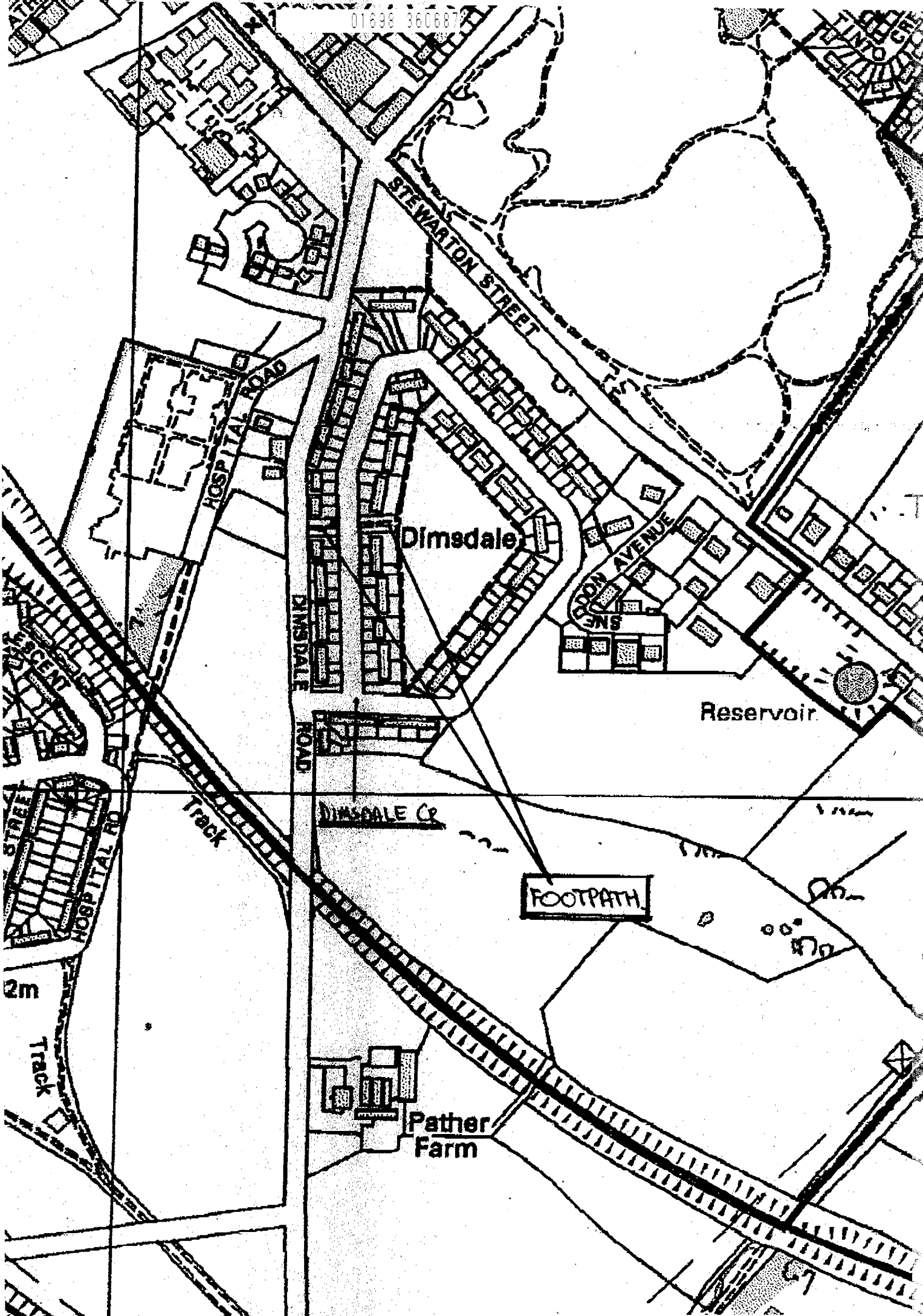
5. Background Papers

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Dimsdale

Reservoir

FOOTPATH

Pather Farm

DIMSDALE CR

Track

HOSPITAL RD

2m

Track

STEWARTON STREET

HOSPITAL ROAD

DIMSDALE ROAD

SPOON AVENUE

SNS

SNS

STEELE STREET

HOSPITAL RD

5.15m

5.70m

5.00m

5.00m

4.70m

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